

corporate powers to engage in the business, on the assessment plan, as defined in this chapter, of insuring against disability resulting from sickness or disease, and to pay to the beneficiaries of its deceased members a funeral benefit which shall not exceed the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars in event of death of any member resulting from sickness or disease. Provided, however, that in enforcing compliance with the requirements of Article 4796, applications for insurance against disability or death resulting from sickness or disease shall not be taken into consideration.

SEC. 3. The fact that there is now no law authorizing a domestic corporation to engage in the business of insuring on the mutual assessment plan against disability resulting from sickness or disease, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this bill should take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

[NOTE.—S. B. No. 274 passed the Senate March 10, yeas 24, nays 0. Passed the House March 18, yeas 105, nays 0.]

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LANDS BELONGING TO THE PUBLIC FREE SCHOOL FUND  
AND THE SEVERAL STATE ASYLUMS FUNDS—  
PROVIDING FOR SALE OF.

H. B. No. 442.]

CHAPTER 150.

An Act providing for the sale of lands belonging to the public free school fund and the several asylum funds of the State on the 1st day of September, 1915, and on the 1st day of January, May, and September of each year thereafter; providing for the sale of such lands in the counties of Andrews, Brooks, Crane, Cameron, Duval, Ector, Gaines, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kinney, Kleberg, LaSalle, Loving, Maverick, McMullen, Midland, Starr, Sutton, Travis, Terry, Upton, Uvalde, Ward, Webb, Willacy, Winkler, Yoakum, and Zapata, in 80-acre tracts or multiples thereof and not exceeding two sections to one person and on condition of settlement and residence; providing for the sale of such lands in the counties of Brewster, Bandera, Culberson, Crockett, Edwards, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Menard, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Terrell, and Val Verde, in whole tracts only, and not exceeding eight sections to one person without condition of settlement and residence for one-tenth of the purchase price in cash and the balance bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum; providing for the sale of such lands situated in the last named counties, after the expiration of the lease thereof, on which there are immovable improvements of the value of one thousand dollars made under water-bond; providing for the sale of the lands belonging to such funds in all other counties (except those hereinabove named) in tracts of 80 acres or multiples thereof not to exceed one-quarter section to one person (except a tract containing less than 240 acres may be sold to one person) on condition of settlement and residence; providing for the sale of surveyed and unsurveyed tracts of less than 80 acres and unsurveyed tracts less than 400 varas wide at any point for cash without

condition of settlement and residence; providing the tracts partly within a settlement and partly within a non-settlement county shall be sold without condition of settlement, and that tracts partly within a two section county and partly within a quarter-section county shall be sold as if in a two section county; providing for the opening of applications to purchase and re-advertising unsold lands; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. On the first day of September, 1915, and on the first day of each January, May and September of each year thereafter, the surveyed lands and portions of surveyed and unsurveyed land shall be sold under the terms, conditions, limitations and regulations as is now provided by law, except as changed herein.

SEC. 2. Land that is situated in the counties of Andrews, Brooks, Crane, Cameron, Duval, Ector, Gaines, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Loving, Maverick, McMullen, Midland, Starr, Sutton, Travis, Terry, Upton, Uvalde, Ward, Webb, Wilbacy, Winkler, Yoakum and Zapata may be sold in quantities not to exceed two sections of 640 acres each, more or less, to one person, and in 80-acre tracts, or multiples thereof, and on condition of actual settlement of some portion of the land so purchased and continuous residence thereupon for three consecutive years, as now provided by law.

SEC. 3. Land that is situated in the counties of Brewster, Bandera, Culberson, Crockett, Edwards, El Paso, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Menard, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Terrell and Val Verde may be sold in quantities not to exceed eight sections of 640 acres each, more or less, to one person, and in whole tracts only, and without condition of settlement and residence. When one applies to purchase land in the counties named in this section not less than one-tenth the price offered therefor shall accompany the application for each tract applied for, and also the note or obligation of the applicant in a sum equal to the amount of the unpaid balance bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, and otherwise conditioned as now provided by law. Where immovable improvements of the value of one thousand dollars have been placed on any land situated in a county named in this section under water-bond under Article 5455 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, the lessee or assignee of an entire lease made under said Article 5455, may, within thirty days after the next sale date after the expiration of his lease, buy out of the lands theretofore leased to him, not exceeding one complement of land at its reasonable market value to be fixed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office without reference to the value of his immovable improvements; but such lessee or assignee shall first give written notice to the Commissioner of the General Land Office and specify the land he wants to buy not less than sixty days prior to said sale dates; provided, the lands so improved under such water-bond shall not be sold prior to September 1, 1915.

SEC. 4. Land that is situated in any county other than those named in this Act may be sold in quantities not to exceed one-quarter of a section and on the basis of 160 acres, more or less, to one person, and in tracts of 80 acres, or multiples thereof; provided, a tract which

contains less than 240 acres may be purchased by one person. All purchases of tracts of 80 acres or more in the counties included in this section shall be on condition of actual settlement on some portion of the land so purchased and continuous residence thereon for three consecutive years, as now provided by law.

SEC. 5. All tracts of land in whatsoever county, and whether surveyed or unsurveyed, which contain less than 80 acres, and also all unsurveyed tracts which are less than 80 acres, and also all unsurveyed tracts which are less than 400 varas wide at any point, and of whatever acreage, shall be sold for cash and without condition of settlement and residence.

SEC. 6. Such tracts of land as may be part within a settlement county and part within a non-settlement county, shall be sold without condition of settlement, and such tracts as may be part within a two-section county and part within a quarter-section county shall be sold as if in the two-section county.

SEC. 7. Applications to purchase shall be opened at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 2nd day of September, 1915, and at the same hour and day of the following January, May and September of each year thereafter, and should said 2nd day of January, May and September fall on Sunday or legal holiday, then the next day thereafter. When all applications have been acted upon, the land remaining unsold shall be again advertised as now provided by law.

SEC. 8. The crowded condition of the calendar and the importance of the legislation proposed herein, and the necessity of putting the land herein described on the market, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity exists that the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

[NOTE.—H. B. No. 442 passed the House March 13, no vote given. Passed the Senate March 18, no vote given.]

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